

Application No. 09/922,539**Docket No. RSW920010068US1****Reply to final Office Action dated July 13, 2005****REMARKS****I. Summary of the Office Action and this Reply**

Claims 1-15 are pending. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), asserting that such claims are obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,084,638 to Hare et al. ("Hare").

In this Reply, claims 4 and 13 are amended to place the application in better condition for appeal.

II. Formalities

Four sheets of formal drawings were filed along with the last Reply, mailed March 21, 2005. Confirmation of receipt and entry of same are requested respectfully.

III. Response to 103 Rejections

Claims 1-15 are believed patentable for the reasons set forth in Applicants' last Reply.

With respect to claim 1, which recites "a text-to-speech converter . . ." it is again emphasized that the rejection is over Hare, and the Examiner has acknowledged that "Hare does not explicitly teach a text-to-speech converter" A prima facie case of obviousness has not been established. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested respectfully.

Claim 4 recites a system including a receiver comprising an FM radio. The Examiner has maintained on page 3 of the Action that this is taught by Hare, and that Hare teaches that the transmitted audio signal comprises an FM signal in the public FM

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band, as recited in claim 2, referencing Hare, col. 8, lines 38-48. It is again emphasized that Hare, col. 8, lines 38-48, has absolutely no relationship to a conventional FM radio, such as that found in a car stereo.

Claim 4 is amended herein to recite an "FM radio of an automobile's car stereo" in emphasis of a distinction over Hare, and in view of the Examiner's maintenance of the rejection in the most recent Office Action. See specification, page 2, lines 13-14; page 4, lines 2-3. This amendment places the application in better condition for appeal, and therefore entry of this amendment is requested respectfully pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116.

Claim 13 recites that the "transmitted audio signal comprises an FM signal capable of being converted to an audible speech signal by a conventional FM radio." This is neither taught nor suggested by Hare, contrary to the Examiner's assertion on page 4 of the Action. In emphasis of a distinction over Hare regarding the transmission in a format capable of conversion by a conventional FM radio, and in view of the Examiner's maintenance of the rejection in the most recent Office Action, claim 13 is amended herein to further recited "said FM signal being wirelessly transmitted within the conventional FM radio band of approximately 88 MHz to approximately 108 MHz." This amendment places the application in better condition for appeal, and therefore entry of this amendment is requested respectfully pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116.

As discussed in detail in Applicant's last Reply, the FAM receiver disclosed in Hare at col. 8, lines 30-48, has absolutely no relation to (1) transmission in the public FM band (2) of an FM signal representing audible speech (3) from a device having a text-to-speech converter (4) for receipt by a conventional FM radio/car stereo. See Fig.

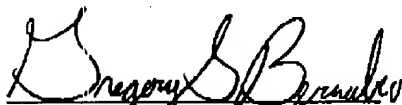
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1b.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe claims 1-15 to be patentable and the application in condition for allowance, and request respectfully issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If any issues remain, the undersigned requests a telephone interview prior to the issuance of an action.

Respectfully submitted,

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